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TWO MONTHS TO GO

With just two months to go of the Church year only one Presbytery is over the top—Winston-Salem. Concord is very near even, lacking only seven cents per member of the amount due to be paid in at the end of the tenth month. It would take contributions at the rate of sixteen cents per member average for Concord to be even at the end of the Church year. Orange Presbytery made the biggest gain during the month of January and only lacks 20¾ cents per member. This will mean a total of 45¾ cents per member to be paid during the next two months. Mecklenburg Presbytery, just a little behind Orange, likes 22½ cents which will mean a total of 47½ cents by April the first. Kings Mountain happens to be exactly as far behind as it was a year ago and will need to contribute a total of 61¼ cents during the next two months. Albemarle is much further behind than a year ago and will need to contribute 69¼ cents per member. Granville is further behind than last year also, and will need to contribute 72 cents or almost half of the year's quota during the next two months. Wilmington Presbytery is much further behind than last year, will need to contribute 83½ cents per member, over half of the entire year's quota. Fayetteville Presbytery will need to contribute 85 cents per member which is ten cents over half of the entire quota for the year.

This whole table is based on the assumption that each Presbytery contributes on an average of $1.50 per member toward the support of the orphanage. If this were done it would yield a revenue of approximately a hundred thousand dollars which is the amount needed from Benevolent sources to run the orphanage a year.

The way the Church Budget is arranged some churches are apportioned much more per member than others. Some Presbyteries are apportioned more per member than others, but as a general rule the average of $1.50 per member is not far wrong.

Winston-Salem, the smallest Presbytery, has consistently paid out each year, since we have kept our records in this manner.

The size of the column showing the amount behind per member is also a correct measure of the size of our needs. The budget of the orphanage is made as small as it is possible to operate under. Any failure to send in the budget means a hardship for the orphanage, and the greater the falling off, the greater the hardship. Right at this time, we will be glad to show any "doubting Thomases" that such is the case.

PRESBYTERY	January Receipts	Amount Per Member	Amount Behind Per Mem.	Amount Behind Per Mem. 1926
WINSTON-SALEM	$ 149.64	4¾c.	49¾c ahead	½c. ahead
CONCORD	$1,920.46	18¼c.	7c behind	13c. behind
ORANGE	$2,194.21	21¾c.	20¾c	27¼c. behind
MECKLENBURG	$2,053.21	13c.	22½c.	14¾c. behind
KINGS MOUNTAIN	$ 113.40	2¼c.	36¼c.	36¼c. behind
ALBEMARLE	$ 591.39	11½c.	41¼c.	13¼c. behind
GRANVILLE	$ 343.29	6½c.	47c.	41c. behind
WILMINGTON	$ 346.94	4½c.	56½c.	30c. behind
FAYETTEVILLE	$ 579.73	4¾c.	60c.	47½c. behind
SYNOD,	$8,292.77	11.3c.	30.6c.	27.6c.

SCHOOL NEWS

THE THIRD GRADE ROOM

It might be interesting to other little boys and girls of our age who read the Barium Messenger to know something about the work in the third grade at Barium. While our little friends all over the state are snug in bed these cold mornings around six o'clock, we, the 35 little boys and girls in our grade are up and on our way to the big dining room in Rumple Hall for 6:30 breakfast. You know it is still dark these mornings at that hour. We have thirty minutes for breakfast followed by morning chapel which lasts usually about ten minutes. The first school bell rings at 7:30 and all start to school. Another bell rings at 7:45 and then lessons begin. You see many of our little friends are perhaps not up yet. Sometimes it is dark when school opens that our teacher, Mrs. R. L. Johnson, must turn on the lights before we can see to read. My! but it's cold these mornings long about that time. Our little folks are usually on time and we get seated and down to work, and soon forget that it is cold. The radiator and pipes begin to pop and it is not long before the room is nice and warm.

We wish you could see our nice new school building a good friend of the Home gave us. We do not know his name, but if you want to know, just ask our Mr. Jos. B. Johnston sometime when he comes to your house. We have a nice, large room on the north side. Everything is new and we are trying mighty hard to keep it nice and new for the second grade. You know we hope to be promoted to the fourth grade next year and let this year's second grade have our room. We have lots of pictures on the wall. Some real, sure enough pictures, and some painted by the boys and girls in our grade. You should come to Barium sometime just to see our school.

We have such a good time playing at recess. Play time comes at ten o'clock. We have had lots of fun playing in the snow this winter. You see that is one advantage in getting up early, you have a longer time to play. We go to school from 7:45 to 12:00, and have all the afternoon to either work or play. Some of the boys and girls in our grade are large enough to work and of course they go on their work-groups afternoon. Some times are hard and our teacher firm, but taking it day in and day out we have such a good time.

PRIMARY SPECIAL

When school opened last September we were first, second and third grades. Now we are first and third. Would you like for us to explain why? John Beaver, Willard Ayers, Clyde and Fred johnson gets tired being as four and no more, got busy and worked like Trogans. As a result they are now full fledged third graders. They will have to keep it up though because they are working side by side with other determined boys and girls.

We have been studing some poets and poems. Last week we read and talked about Hiawatha. We like to read about the Indians anyway. Later we expect to dramatise this story. One boy will be Hiwatha, with his bow and arrow, another will be the deer, one the bear, a girl Nokomis. Other children will be the owl and owlets, birds, squirrels, rabbits, Hiawatha's brothers.

We have played One, Two, Three with the little old lady and the boy with the crippled knee.

We like the poem "Trees" by Mr. Kilmer. We like him, too, because he was a soldier. The class voted these lines prettiest:

'A tree that looks to God all day,
And lifts its leafy arms to pray,

Of course we drew a tree some apple trees in blossom time, pine trees with green needles, oak trees, all sorts of trees.

Edward McCall suggested that the class write two lines of poetry. They did and this is Edward's contribution:

'Mary went into the garden with a
pair of shears,
She fell down and cut her hand and
shed a bowl of tears."

He said that he did not read it in a book and he had never heard anyone say it must be original.

We are battling with the multiplication table. We take it upside down, cross ways and every other way it seems to us, and we have to answer fast as our teacher snaps her fingers and, and that's pretty fast sometimes.

The weather was so cold and the play grounds so muddy Mrs. Holton said we could play inside, right where they play basketball. We forget sometimes and exercise our vocal chords too much. We will try to remember and not abuse our throats anymore.

We expect to do some construction work in February. We will make some hatchets and cherry trees with red cherries on them like George Washington had.

We will also make some valetines and learn why we have Valentine day. We like to hear the story of good St. Valentine.

Of course we are all glad to have Mr. Johnston home again. We missed him while he was in the hospital. He always takes time to say pleasant things to us, and takes the little boys and girls in his arms and pets them just like a mama and daddy would do at home. Of course we miss him when he's gone!

CONCERNING BABSON ET AL

Roger W. Babson and other eminent staticians seem to be opening up broadsides on "The Glorification", as they call it, of college athletes, and being as this is the off-season of the year there seems to be very few voices raised in defense of these college sports.

Somehow we can't sit still and let all this go by unnoticed. Of course, when they see a contrary opinion appearing in a paper like the Barium Messenger it's going to so seriously hurt Robert Babson's standing in the United States that it may absolutely deprive him of means of livelihood, and it is our reluctance to cause him this tremendous hardship that has made us hesitate this long in answering his argument. Babson's idea would be to put all athletics back on the little innocent family sports basis and cut off all the big contests.

Now, our opinion is exactly different. We believe the people that tackle the game are the natural outcome of college athletics, and without them college athletics would whither and die. However, we are not going to argue from the college standpoint. We promised our readers when the Barium Messenger first raised it's timid voice that we were not going to try to right the affairs of the universe, try to change the phases of the moon, or complain about the state of the League of Nations, but confine our remarks and advice to things pertinent to the orphanage, so we will come right down to our own family and discuss this matter. Barium Springs gets out a football team of boys; basketball team of girls and among ourselves wrestling teams and track teams and even the boxing bout occasionally. And the ones that participate in these particular games are just a small portion of those striving for these positions and making preparations for them which involves practice and work covering several years. In fact, you can see some of our Synod Cottage boys very dilligently soaking up more milk than the appetite really calls for and doing rigorous exercise in preparation for the time when they may have a chance at the big football team. This spirit permeates the entire instution. As to whether or not it is a good thing, we can only judge by comparison with the days in which such conditions did not prevail. Our athletics have positively obliterated many evils. The use of tobacce, fighting, bullyism with its attendant danger, have disappeared. Our health examinations have disclosed wonderful things in connection with our athletes. It may or may not be significant that our health record has improved wonderfully since we have organized teams.

Now the question may be well asked, "What have the teams to do with it?" The answer is this; that as long as young humar nature is as it is unless there is a chance for the big contest the stimulus to go through the grind of preparation will not be there, and your plans of physical development will flop. In that they are not much different from their older brothers and sisters in that many of our efforts in life are toward recognition in the "Big Time" as baseball parlance has it. We are strong for athletic contests whether football, basketball of whatever, it develops a clean atheletic body; a clean sportsman like-code of morals and a mind trained to overcome difficulties and all o fthose things are needed in our citizenship to-day. Put over against that the socalled evils and you will find that the main one is that same old desire for money which is still the "root of all evil."

At Barium Springs we may have the desire for money, but this is liable to dry up on account of eternal non-gratification. We have been accused by some of our friends who think differently that we claim that football will cure the chilblains, housemaid's knee, hair lip, and the low price of cotton. No, we don't quite believe that, but we do believe that these games so enthuse and develop the participant that these above mentioned evils fail to daunt his all-conquering spirit.

And then as to what it does for the interested spectators. Just one example. Did you ever have a bunion? You've heard of them any way. Well the writer of these lines has one, a sixty-curse-word-power, hair-trigger-one, with more nerves concentrated in one little spot than seventeen aching jaw teeth..

This bunion is so sensitive that one time we struck it against a chair in a dark room, and it lit up that room and the two next to it like an xray.

Well at one time during the last Davidson-Carolina game, one of our 200 lb. friends jumped up and down, on that bunion long enough for Davidson to make a touchdown and we still love him.

Babson is all wet.

A NEWS ITEM

The newspapers define news as something that is unusual or out of the ordinary. According to that definition, the report of Brookston Sunday School is news. We believe that this year more than any other we have received apologies along with the Thanksgiving collections. These apologies have run from new church buildings, church debts, low priced cotton, shutting down of cotton mills, epidemics and what not, as the reason for the smaller collection this year as compared with former years. Brookston Sunday School nearly doubles their last years collection, and Mr. Watkins, their Superintendent, gives as the reason that they organized a sort of contest between the three departments. The Intermediate led the procession, and owing to the extra stimulus that this gave, the extra large collection resulted. We are going to copy this again next October, hoping that many other Sunday Schools will emulate their example.

HONOR ROLL FOR JANUARY

First Grade:
Joe Nell Price
Eugene Shannon
Leila Johnston
Sarah Forte

Second Grade
Elmer Beaver
Jesse Harris
Bill Martin
Ernest White

Third Grade
T. L. O'Kelly, Jr.

Fourth Grade
Herbert Blue
Margaret Brooks
Pauline Cable
Wixie Davidson
Harry East
Morris Freeman
Sadie Harris
Myrtle Johnson
Lucile Lentz
Margaret Pittman
Dorothy Thomas

Fifth Grade
Marion McCall
Mildred Thomas

Sixth Grade
Eula Lee Walton

Eighth Grade
Catherine Kerley

Eleventh Grade
Walter Beattie
Walter Fraley

———P.O.H.———

MERIT ROLL FOR JANUARY

First Grade—Frances Lowrance, Hattie Michael, Ray Clendinin.

Second Grade—Paul Cornette, Woodrow Clendenin, Irene Forte, J.C. Hand, Mary Lee Kennedy, Jack Morrow, Ellen Petrie, Carmet Sigmon, Camelia Price.

Third Grade—Bonny Lee McKenzie, Gladys Cartret Earnest Clark, Leone East, John Ellis, Angelina Fowler, Bazel Kelly, Baxter McKenzie, Margaret Moore, Fay Marlowe, David Price, A.D. Potter, Irene Shannon, Joy Stone, Bobbie Wimberly.

Fourth Grade—Wilson Lowrance, Eula Anthony, Aubrey Clark, Cari Edwards, Leonard Forte, Margie Lee, Mary Belle Lee, Phyllis Morgan, Katherine Norman, Lillie Jackins, Mack Walton.

Fifth Grade—Boyce Morgan.

Sixth Grade—Mildred Morrow, Edwin Chapman, Lucille Long, Ruth Morrow, Hermon Clark, Forest Lee Hunt, Charlie Sears, Nettie Miller, George Estridge.

Seventh Grade—Alice Craig, Ned MacKay, Earle Kerley, Eleby Hayes, Joe Lee.

Special Primary—Edward McCall, John Beaver, Fred Johnson, Cheek Freeman, George Savage.

Special Intermediate—Beulah Hill.

Special Elementary—Ruth Bobbitt.

Eighth Grade—Rachel Dowless, Annie Hare, Mary Mark, Nellie Mark, Edna McMillan, Abbie Roper, Fannie Whitlow.

Ninth Grade—Letha Copeland, John Hunt.

Eleventh Grade—Angelina Bernardo, Mary Craig, Cathleen Moore.

Twelfth Grade—Thad Brock, Robert Johnston.

———P.O.H.———

Boxing and Wrestling Teams Preparing for Heavy Schedule

The basement of Jennie Gilmer has been fixed up as a gym where about 60 boys are put through training for wrestling and boxing. The various members of both teams have been giving exhibitions at the basketball games.

Two wrestling matches with the Davidson Freshmen will be arranged in all probability.

This is only part of the program which the athletic department is sponsoring. The object of all the athletics is to develop the boy and girl physically and mentally.

Dennis A. Boyette

JENNY GILMER COTTAGE

The mid-term exams are over and, while there were some failures, they were less than before.

Our basketball team has had a very successful season so far. We have suffered only two defeats. Raliegh Methodist Orphanage girls licked us 29 -18 at the first of the season. January 28, we lost to the Charlotte girls by the score of 29-17. Three wins have been rung up against Trotman, Lincolnton, and China Grove. It understood that games have been arranged with Statesville, Harmony, and Mooresville. Everyone is hoping that a return game with Raliegh will be arranged.. Charlotte can have her well earned victory until next year. We intend to get revenge then.

Everyone is becoming interested in boxing and wrestling. It seems that every boy in Jennie Gilmer, Lees and Alexander are reporting to Mr. Johnson for training. The larger boys, who have had more experience, are taking charge of the training when Mr. Johnson is not present. Quite a few exhibitions have been given at the new gymn when basketball games were being played. Somes who are not well up in defense tactics have suffered bloody noses, etc.

Jack MacKay, assistant matron at Lees, told some of the boys that Graustark was a good book and so quite a few have been reading the Graustark books. We are very fortunate to have "B everly of Graustark" on at our picture show.(Jan. 29) We are glad Mr. Mackay started us to reading these books as it has brought us a fine picture.

The snow left us some warm weather, but the sleet that is on the ground now makes it very cold.

We are waiting patiently for the summer vacation.

———P.O.H.———

LOTTIE WALKER
Second Floor

We feel like saying "Rah!" since our mid-term exams are over, though some of us were not very enthusiastic over what followed. Very few failed and we are glad to say that it breaks our high school record. Now we are starting second term with the hope that everyone of us—"Green Freshies"—make our grade, though we are progressing. To show it, here is an example:

Miss Reese (in schoolroom): "Class what is a vocational education?"

Rachel Dowless: "I know. It's something pertaining to the vocal chords."

Several of our girls enjoyed going to the birthday dinner this month. You should have seen them when they came out of the dining room after dinner. One little boy at the table when seeing the oysters brought in, said, "my birthday comes but once a year, and when it does, it brings—oysters!"

We are now very proud of our basketball girls, "Barium's Glorious Girls" as they have been named. At the first of the season we were defeated by the Raleigh Orphanage, then were victorious over Troutman, China Grove and Lincolnton, but we were again defeated by Charlotte on the 28th. This does not discourage us, but only gives us courage to practice harder and take in every thing that Mr. MacMillian or Mr. O'Kelly tells us. We appreciate their help.

———P.O.H.———

Athletic Carnival to be Staged On Night of February 11, 1927

The athletic department is planning a big night for all of the orphans and the people of the surrounding towns.

A tentative program is being arranged which will include a basketball game between Barium and Mooresville (girls teams) and the Davidson Freshman wrestling team will have a meet with the high school team. In addition to these there will be a number of boxing bouts between members of the boxing team.

By giving a program which contains so much variety it is hoped that the new gym will be packed to the roof on February 11. Mark the date! Bring your pep along and spend an enjoyable evening with the good folks of Barium Springs.

———P.O.H.———

An American was prowling around a Scottish churchyard. His eyes caught an epitaph, "Lord, she was thin."

"Say, sexton, what d'ye make of that?" he asked.

"That's all right, sir; the sculptor went over near the edge of the stone and didna leave room for the 'e'."

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A THOUGHT FOR 1927

Do you wish the world were better?
Let me tell you what to do:
Set a watch upon your actions,
Keep them always straight and true.
Rid your mind of selfish motives,
Let your thoughts be clean and high,
You can make a little Eden
In the sphere you occupy.
Do you wish the world were happy?
Then remember, day by day
Just to scatter seeds of kindness,
As you pass along the way;
For the pleasure of the many
May be often traced to one,
As the hand that plants the acorn
Shelters armies from the sun.

—ELLA WHEELER WILCOX

———P.O.H.———

December and January are the months during which we get in most of the Thanksgiving offerings. March is clean up month, in which there is always a drive to collect all pledges.

February is between and our leading editorial this month is usually one expressing our disappointment over the poor Thanksgiving offerings and our hopes for a bountiful return from pay up month. Usually there accompanies these articles some prophesis of terrible things that will happen if such and such money doesn't come in.

Well we have just taken our pen in hand to write that editorial, but it somehow won't flow. Our thoughts have gotten the moralizing habit.(We have become an addict of Ben Dixon McNeal's writings lately), and then some things have happened today to queer this reviewing with alarm business.

Maybe we had better just write about today and let it go at that. Today was the day set to begin our careful yearly physical examinations of all the children here.

Usually we commence this work with the smallest children and keep right on through the grades and finally the High School. These little fellows are awfully cute, but we do find so many things that need correcting, bad teeth, adenoids, eyes—out of fix or focus—skin rough or chapped. And the little Johnny won't keep his nose wiped, and Mary's sometimes beautiful hair looks like an explosion in a spaghetti foundry.

It only takes about two days of this to so load one down with such a feeling of hopeless responsibility that it is sometimes hard to even see the sun shining when you are looking right at it. Well, this year, for no particular reason, we commenced at the other end of our family with our examination. We started in with the twelfth grade and worked through the seventh grade, and we saw something that we might never have seen if we had done it the other way.

What we saw was this one hundred and eight big boys and girls, their bodies vibrant with clean vigorous health, their minds alert, their spirits high—each one the picture of good health and spirits. Not a serious ailment in the lot and all getting ready to take their place in the world fortified by a sound mind in a superb body.

Somehow after today, we don't believe we will mind the multitude of ailments we may find among the little newcomers. We can just plug along with a lighter heart, knowing that some day, they too, will be like these high-schoolers.

Even the day's mail with its unusual number of bills and letters asking for settlement of accounts was disposed of with a lighter heart.

Everything had just gotten into the right perspective. If those children are developing physically, mentally, and spiritually as an occasional checking up so abundantly shows, what is left to worry about. We need money yes—but if we had all the money in the world and our health examinations showed up wrong—we would then have cause for worry.

———P.O.H.———

RUMPLE HALL

For a long time about three months some one, or another of us have been in the Infirmany with mumps but we are so thankful that's a thing of the past now, we are everyone well and glad to be back washing dishes and going to school. Gee, but we had a pleasant surprise last Monday, the 10th, when the big old bell called us out of bed and we saw the ground covered with snow; the first we have had. We had some fun playing in it, and it didn't hurt us a bit either.

We are still enjoying our games we received Christmas. Our skates are never forgotten either. It has been so cold since it snowed until the last few days that we did not get out very much.

Some of us enjoyed a good birthday dinner again on the 19th. Miss Beattie knows how to cook good dinners all right.

We were just about to forget to say we are delighted to have Miss Hannah back at Rumple Hall. She was sick during the holidays at home and could not return when the rest of the teachers did and we sure did miss her.

———P.O.H.———

"I notice," said the pastor, "that the choir is not with us this morning, so let us stand and sing, 'Praise God from whom all blessings flow.'"

"I've come to kill a printer," said the little man.

"Any printer in particular?" asked the foreman.

"Oh, any one will do. I would prefer a small one, but I've got to make some sort of a show at a fight, or leave home since the paper called my wife's tea-party a 'swill affair'."

SYNOD COTTAGE

Our boys enjoyed a happy Christmas and they wish to thank all the good people who made it possible for them to enjoy it, by sending such nice toys.

Miss Moore enjoyed a visit from friend and co-worker, Miss Mary Bell McKenzie, who is now teaching at Bakerisville Mitchell County.

The Synod Cottage boys regret to hear that Mrs. Simpson is going to China, but they know that she enjoys the work there and they all hope she will be happy and successful in her work.

Melvin Ayers, Hugh McCrimmon, John Cole, Ray Clendenin, and Billy Martin were delighted to have their mothers visit them recently.

Hilton Hall and S. P. Fespermar enjoyed a visit from their fathers during the holidays.

Miss Steele has just returned from a visit to the eastern part of the state. We are glad to have her back again.

Miss Penel spent the holidays with her sons Edward and James in Belton S. C.

Miss Andrews made a business trip to Winston Salem January 18th.

The snow last week brought much joy to the boys as well as wet feet for Miss Moore to keep dry.

We are glad to welcome two new additions to our family. They are Charles Mizelle and Clayburn Jessup.

———P.O.H.———

THOMAS JEFFERSON

(By Mary Swain Craig)

The third president was Thomas Jefferson. He was born April 13, 1773, in Virginia.

Jefferson was a land surveyor, and said to have had considerable strength. He also became justice of the peace and was representive in the house of Burgosse.

Jefferson entered college at William and Mary, when he was a very bright scholar.

In appearance Jefferson was very attractive. Much of his life was spent out-of-door.

When he finished college he returned home and took up the study of law.

In the year of 1767, he was admitted to the bar. He became a legal favorite and made large sums of money. Jefferson's great work while in congress was in interest of the Declaration of Independence. It was Jefferson who drew it up, but Adams who got it signed.

In 1779 he was elected Governor of Virginia. He held this post through the darkest days of the revolution. At the close of the war Jefferson gave up his office as Governor.

In Nov. 1783, Jefferson again took his seat in congress. The following May he was appointed Minister of France.

During Washington's administration and was appointed secretary of State.

Jefferson was the first leader of the republican party.

He was also Vice-president under John Adams.

Jefferson was inaugisated March 4, 1801, his first term of office was very happy and peaceful. He did not care for pomp or ceremony.

The national dept was reduced and taxes were lessened.

During his term of office the first Steamboat was invented.

One of the things Jefferson tried to do during his administration was to put a stop to the slave trade.

The embargo act was passed while he was in the Chair.

Jefferson's term was expired March 4, 1809, and three days before the "embargo act" was repealed.

Jefferson was very fond of books and on 1809 he founded the University of Virginia.

He died at his home in Monticello July 4, 1826.

———P.O.H.———

"We were slowly starving to death," said the famous explorer at the boarding house table, "but we cut up our boots and made soup of them, and thus sustained life."

"Hush, hush! Not so loud!" whispered the boarder on each side. "The landlady might hear you."

A henpecked negro was pleading in court for a separation from his wife.

"On what grounds?" asked the judge.

"Oh, she talk, and talk, till I can't stand it no loger."

"And what does she talk about?"

"She don't never say."

Little Mary sat thinking out a problem when she remarked: "Grandma, I don't which I'll be, a storekeeper or a nurse, or just get married and be nothing."

THE SHOP

Mr. S. A. Grier, Master Mechanic

We are writing this month about one of the most important departments on the place, although it is one of the smallest in point of number. The gang is called the "Shop Gang," although they no longer have a shop. Mr. S. A. Grier is the head of this department and their duties are to look after the mechanical equipment of the place. The waterworks, the electric light system, the central heating plant, the sewer line, all electric motors —quite some job when you think of it. The firing of the big boilers at the central heating plant and also the little boiler under the kitchen which does a lot of our cooking for us, comes under Mr. Grier's supervision. There are usually in this department about six boys. They learn something about electric wiring, about handling a boiler and become all in all, pretty useful citizens. Painting is one other trade that they become pretty proficient at, and whenevr they leave the orphanage they have no difficulty i nsecuring work to enable them to make a fairly decent living for themselves.

The work of this department is a good deal like that of a doctor, they never know when they start out in the morning just what they are going to be working at. It may be a call from the laundry to fix a belt, it may be a motor in the printing office out of commission, or it may be one of our deep well pumps that has gone fluey and needs to be yanked out of the ground and overhauled.

Sometimes after the day's work is over and everybody is apparently through for the day there will come a storm and then the lights go off, so this gang with Mr. Grier have to locate the trouble and get it fixed. Our fire-fighting apparatus is all in charge of this department also. There's three hundred feet of fire hose located on the west side of the road. On the east side there is a chemical tank on wheels for emergency use. Each of the large buildings are equipped with standard fire extinguishers. The inspection and keeping in condition of this equipment is in the hands of the Shop Gang.

To give you some idea of the amount of territory that this group has to cover, there are four hundred openings in our water work system. There are thirty-seven electrical appliances like motors, electric ranges, ovens, etc. The elcetric light openings would run into the thousands. When you consider that the openings for water range from ordinary spigot and lavaratory to a complicated thing like a dishwasher that there are in all the cottages, departments and in the barns, you can readily see that it's a rare day when something doesn't need attention in the water-work system.

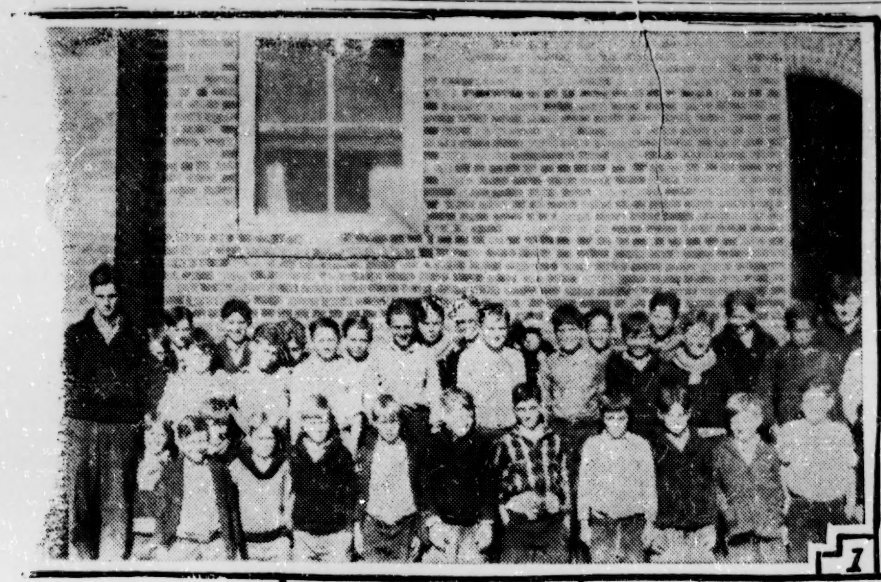
In spite of all this general everyday work, this group finds time to do quite a lot of things in the way of constructions. For instance, when Lees Cottage was remodelled, the change in the heating system there and the wiring of this building was done by this group. Also Howard Cottage. All of the plumbing for the new school building was installed also by this group. When the manse was built, the plumbing was installed there by this group. The heating and wiring being d one by contract. Mr. Grier, the head of this department, in addition to being a most useful citizen as the head of his department for six days in the week with an ear open for trouble, on the Seventh is also Sunday School Superintendent and a member of the Session of Little Joe's Church. All in all a most valuable member of our community.

Coming back to the reason this group is called the Shop Gang; a good many years ago they had a shop to keep their tools in and to do their work. This was Alexander Building. It enabled them to really accomplish a great deal with much more satisfaction and profit than now, because they had this building with certain machines in it to enable them to more efficiently do their work. Now, Alexander Building has been remodelled into some sort of a dormitory and the Shop Gang should be called the "Orphan Gang," because they have to keep part of their tools in one building and part in another, and they are really the Gang without a shop. This is one of the things we most earnestly hope will be remedied this year. That a dormitory will be built to relieve the temporary situation of Alexander, so that this building can go back to its original use as a shop.

If this was again a shop, there could be installed in it, woodworking machinery for Mr. Cavin's Campus Gang, and metal working machinery, so that hundreds of our minor repair jobs could be done rather than sent to town. These boys could not only do that, but could make numbers of things that we do without or have to buy, and what is even more important, while they are doing this they would be learning a most valuable trade, that would even better fit them for becoming useful citizens after leaving here.

In conclusion we will say that Mr. Grier's gang is a good one. They fulfill a most useful purpose here. Not only for the institution, but for themselves. We hope the day will soon come when this will even be better by improved equipment for their use

The Editor And His "Bunch"



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Two "matrons" of Alexander cottage, Barium Springs Orphanage, and their family of forty boys.

Joseph B. Johnston, superintendent of the Presbyterian Orphanage, who is teaching his family of 300 children to make their own living.

Julian West, 14-year-old Cumberland county boy, who is cashier of the Orphanage Bank, which handles all the money earned by the children in their work in the home.

Combined auditorium and gymnasium, where athletic, social and amusement activities of the home are centered.

General view of the campus at Barium Springs looking west from the State highway which divides the grounds.

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"Say, Bob," asked an acquaintance, "why did the foreman sack you yesterday?"

"Well," was the reply, "a foreman is one who stands around and watches his men work."

"I know; but what has that to do with it?"

"Why he got jealous of me. People throught I was the foreman."

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An Englishman was once persuaded to go to a baseball game. During the play he looked away for a moment and a foul caught him on the ear, knocking him senseless. Coming too, he asked faintly, "What was it?"

"A foul, only a foul."

"My," he exclamed, "I thought it was a mule."

A quack dactor was holding forth his medicines to rural audience.

"Yes gentlemen," he said "I have sold these pill for twenty-five years, and never heard a word of complaint. Now what does that prove?"

Voice in crowd: "That dead men tell no tales."

The small white golf ball rolled over the green and was promptly seized by Fido, the old lady's pet terrier.

The next moment a golfer came over the crest of the hill and began waving his arms and shouting.

"Put it down, Fido," exclaimed the old lady; "here comes the gentleman to knock it for you again."

Miscellaneous Gifts

Burlington, Riverside Hosiery Mills, Boy's sox.
Lowell, W's Aux. Three quilts and 31 napkins.
Gastonia, W's Olney Church, Twenty six cakes.
Columbus, Tryon and Columbus Churche's W's Aux. One quilt.
Gibson, C. E. Society, Miscellaenous gifts for children.
Hickory, First Church W's Aux. Two boxes of large cakes.
Willow Springs, W. K. Davenport, 4 bags sweet potatoes.
Graham, W's Aux. Two boxes large cakes.
West End, Box A. One cake.
Laurinburg, W's Aux. Three boxes large cakes.
Mocksville, Pres. Church Two crates oranges, and box of apples, oranges and nuts.
Pinehurst, Presbyterian Church, apples and special gifts.
Mebane, Hawfields Church, miscellaenous shower for Christmas.
Saluda, Thirty two qts. of canned goods.
Mathews, Rte, 19, Miss Emma Biggers, 24 qts. fruit.
Lillington, Sunshine Scatterers, Toys and gifts.
Wilkesboro, Mrs. L. B. Dula, One quilt.
Sanford, Pri. & Beginners Dept. Scrap books.
Huntersville, Hopewell S. S. Miscellaneous shower of groceries, cereals, &c. and six qts. fruit.
Richmond, Va. H. Susman Co., One bucket candy.
Hickory, First Church, S. S. Miscellaneous shower of groceries, cereals fruit, brooms, &c.
Fayetteville, Intermediate C. E. Donation of hose for boys and girls.
High Point, Mrs. Fred Barbee, Wagon for Baby Cottage.
Charlotte, Caldwell Memorial, Cradle Roll, Miscellaneous gifts.
Salisbury, First Church, Rumple Bible Class, Gifts for a girl.
Pinehurst, S. S. Miscellaneous gifts for Christmas.
Concord, W's Aux. McKinnon Church, 3 quilts, 21 pillow cases and 50 qts. fruit and preserves.
Hope Mills, Special from a Christmas Tree.
Graham, Bethany S. S. Dress, Handkerchief and purse, candy.
Durham, First Church, Miscellaneous gifts.
Salisbury, Second Church, S. S. bbl. flour, glasses for Baby Cottage. Miscellaneous gifts for Christmas.
Concord, Bayless Mem'l Church, One barrel supplies.
Greensboro, First Church, Sunday School, 170 sheets, 70 pillow cases, 53 tooth brushes, 61 tooth paste tubes, 11 rolls elastic, 108 prs. shoe strings, 68 handkerchiefs.
Hamlet S. S. Miscellaneous donation of supplies.
Whiteville, S. S. Donation of peanuts and pecans.
Pinetops, S. S. "White gifts" for Christmas.
Wilmington, St. Andrews Pres. Church large box of tooth paste.
Maxton, S. S. Beginners Dept. Miscellaneous gifts.
Goldsboro, Mrs. A. H. Kerr, Gifts for Baby Cottage.
Wagram, Montpeller Church, 36 qts. fruit.
Elizabeth City, Cann Memorial Church, 12 overcoats for boys.
Statesville, Mr.& Mrs. T. L. Green, Box candy for Baby Cottage.
Charlotte, Rte. 4, Mr. John W. Berryhill, Donation of shoes.
Newells, Sunday School, Bunch bananas, Crate oranges.
Fayetteville, Mile Branch Mission Towels & Miscellaneous gifts.
Wilmington, Church of the Covenant. Toys and dolls made by D. V. B. S.
Reidsville, Through Rev. C. G. Brown, One quilt.
Salisbury, First Church, W. B. Class, Five quilts.
Mt. Airy, Ladies' Aux. Half barrel apples, 30 qts. fruit and preserves.
Barium Springs, Earl Dunn, Three books, Leonard Forte, 1 book, Polly Cable, One book, Harry East, One book.
Washington, Sunday School, one bbl. flour, 18 qts. canned goods, sugar, coffee, cereals, shoes, sweaters and toys.
Reidsville, Sunday School, bbl. potatoes.
Lumber Bridge, Pri. Dept. S. S. Scrap books for Baby Cottage.

If any individual or organization fails to see mention of their gift in this department, please notify the Home.

High Point, Circle no. 5, 1st Church, Two quilts.
Wilmington, Lucy Chadbourne Aux. Box of toys for small children.

——P.O.H.——

START THE DAY CHEERILY

When a new day comes to greet you,
Rise to meet it with a smile——
Every task it brings will lighten,
And be easier the while;
And the journey, long and tiring,
That you really dread and fear,
Will be shorter and much brighter,
If you start the day with Cheer.
If you wake to grouse and grumble,
And wear a Scowl or Frown,
Crossing bridges ere you reach them
Will most surely let you down.
Be the clouds all dark and gloomy,
And the outlook sad and drear,
You will see some gleams of sunshine,
If you start the day with Cheer.
Other folks have got their troubles,
Everyone must have his share,
Don't be fretting over troubles,
That you may not have to bear.
Face the new born day with gladness,
Meet its task with hope--not fear,
Joys are waiting around the corner,
If you start the day with Cheer.

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SOME GOOD SPORT SPOILED.

An Irishman was out gunning for ducks with a friend, who noticed that althrough Mike aimed his gun several times he did not shoot it off. At last he said: "Mike, why didn't you shoot that time? The whole flock was right in front of you!"

"Oi know," said Mike, "but every time Oi aimed me gun at a duck another wan come right between us."

SUPPORT FUND

Aux. Steel Creek	3.00
Mrs. G. T. Wall, Lilesville	5.00
Davidson Church	531.94
Castanea Church	2.00
Charlotte 1st. Church	596.25
Aux. Westminster	10.00
Clarkton S. S.	21.25
Albermarle Prebytery	61.50
Hebron Church	.94
Ellenboro Church	1.63
Sanford S. S.	15.00
Monroe Church	115.00
Aux. Jefferson	.75
Mallard Creek S.S.	20.00
Wilmington 1st. church	130.00
Aux. Beth Carr	4.00
Back Creek church	12.72
Bethpage Church	2.70
Cleveland church	1.88
Kannapolis church	8.37
Mooresville 1st. church	382.10
Old Fort church	.86
Prospect church	.29
Salisbury 2nd. church	8.45
Sevier church	21.85
Spencer church	22.50
Maxton church	46.85
Caldwell Mem. church	86.55
Sherill's Ford church	2.74
Lenoir church, A Friend	20.00
Brotherhood Bible Class, Salisbury 1st.	25.00
Front St. S.S.	5.61
Aux. Westminister	12.00
Aux. Red Springs	14.32
Jonesboro S.S.	4.19
Unity S.S.	8.00
Mrs. A.P. Tharpe, Rocky Mt.	10.00
Red Springs church	48.85
Lexington S.S.	14.48
Shelby S.S.	17.85
Buffalo (G) S.S.	20.00
Alamance church	12.87
Bethel church	1.50
Aux. Bethel	6.50
S.S. church By-Side-Road	94.17
Cross Roads church	1.88
Graham church	14.32
Mebane church	6.38
Bessemer church	1.25
S.S. Westminister	24.43
Yancevile church	3.70
Greensboro 1st. church	156.25
Hillsboro church	4.00
Boy's Club, Charlotte 2nd. church	28.00
Westminister church	108.75
Aux. West Avenue	7.20
Aux. Bethpage	1.00
Aux. High Point	15.00
Vass S.S.	9.89
Aux. Grove	2.00
Aux. Monroe	25.00
Flat Branch S.S.	10.00
McPherson church	7.64
Rock Branch S.S.	4.02
Raeford church	74.08
Erwin church	25.00
Ladie's Bible Class, Dunn	7.49
Big Brother Bible Class, Durham 1st. church	50.00
Blacknall Mem. church	4.95
Grassy Creek church	10.00
Kenly church	.27
Raleigh 1st. church	45.00
Selma church	3.00
Aux. Trinity Avenue	1.88
Vanguard 1st. church	6.00
Westminister church	9.38
Aux. N. Winston	3.00
Winston-Salem 1st. Aux.	25.00
Mocksville Aux.	6.00
Cooleemee Aux.	2.00
Lincolnton church	15.00
Godwin S.S.	7.50
Candor S.S.	6.00
Wadesboro S.S.	5.00
Goldsboro church	205.00
Goldsboro S.S.	165.00
Aux. Highland	15.00
Aux. Calypso	8.00
Bethel church	18.00
Long Creek church	10.00
Union church	4.10
Roxboro church	6.00
Little Joe's church	9.00
Thyatira S.S.	5.75
Statesville 1st. church	47.17
Hopewell church	1.00
Pittsboro S.S.	4.00
Mocksville church	7.57
Aux. Mocksville	.87
Mt. Airy church	11.25
Aux. Mt. Airy	3.75
N. Wilkesboro church	19.14
Aux. N. Wilkesboro	3.75
Aux. Winston-Salem	35.00
Ebenezer church	.28
Aux. Washington	12.20
Little Joe's S.S.	2.14
Aux. Durham 1st.	21.66

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Miscellaneous Contributions

Isadore Wallace Statesville, In Lieu flowers Mrs. Rae Lowenstein, Brooklyn, N.Y.	5.00
Isadore Wallace Statesville, In Lieu flowers John W.Guy, Statesville	3.00
O.J. Thies, Jr., Davidson	5.00
C.E. Italian Pres. Chapel, East Orange, N.J.	6.00
R.L. Stowe, Belmont	200.00
F.P. Tate, Morganton	6.00
Dr. Wilbert Jackson, Clinton	8.33
A Friend, Fayetteville	6.00
A Friend, Mt. Airy	5.00
W.B. Parks, Barium Spgs.	2.80
Manda McPherson, Sanford	5.00
Mrs. W.T. Clark, Wilson	150.00
Mesdames J.C. Clifford and J.J. Wall, Dunn	5.00
P.P. Vinson, Rochester, Minn. (Christmas)	25.00
Mrs. F.L. Blue, Fairmont	10.00
Jas. Sloan, Redlands, Cal.	200.00
W.C. Dowd, Charlotte	25.00

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Oakland Church	13.63
Clio church	4.00
Westminister church	12.00
Wilmington 1st. church	9.00
St. Paul's S.S.	92.42
Hamlet church	46.55
Aux. Mt. Holly	10.20
Rocky River church	85.00
Fairfield church	7.00
Yanceville church	21.85
Aux. Yanceville	14.00
Greensboro 1st. church	1,577.73
Westminister church	11.00
Aux. Columbus & Tryon	4.00
Mt. Airy 1st. church	16.50
Graham church	.75
Fairview church	6.06
Nut Bush church	12.87
Myers Park Charlotte	419.22
White Plains church, Mrs. J.A. Wyche	1.00
Aux. church of the covenant, Mrs. J.D. Hightower	72.00
Aux. Wallace	50.75
Aux. Kinston	5.00
Aux. Bethel	12.00
Pee Dee church	12.50
1st. church Statesville, W.T. Warlick	20.00

Miscellaneous Contributions Thankesgivnig

Miss Annie Smith, Rockinham	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. S. B. Smith, Rockingham	10.00

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"Will you miss me?" sang the entertainer in a cracked voice.

"Not if my gun shoots true," yelled a voice from the gallery.

A Russian was being led off to execution by a squad of Bolshevik soldiers on a rainy morning.

"What brutes you Bolsheviks are," grumbled the doomed one "to march me through a rain like this."

"How about us?" retorted one of the squad. "We have got to March back."

Angry Wife: "What does this powder on your coat mean?"

Unfortunate Husband: "Trouble, my dear, trouble."

Wife at head of stairs: "Is that you, John?"

Heavy voice from dark: "Who you expecting?"

Caller: "Is the editor in?"

Office Boy: "No."

Caller: "Well, just throw this poem in the wastebasket for him, will you?"

She: "Lovely statue over there. Whose is it?"

He: "Oh, it belongs to the city."

She: "Oh, no, I mean what's it of?"

He: "Granite, I guess."

She: "But what does it represent?"

He: "Oh, about fifty thousand dollars."

She: "Thanks."

Dirty Work

"Why did you put that mud turtle in your sister's bed?"

"Because I couldn't find any frogs."

ANNIE LOUISE COTTAGE

Everyone had a fine time while the snow was on the ground. And, oh my, we had our faces washed good. That saved us from washing them other times. But we haven't had enough of it yet.

We were very sorry to give up Miss Hedges, as she left us to go back to her home in Louisville, Ky. We enjoyed her stay with us very much and hope she will give us a visit sometimes.

We are mighty sorry that Mr. Johnston is in the hospital, but we are glad to know that he is getting along all right.

We are having some fun at nights trying to keep Miriam Saunders in her bed. She does not need her glasses when she gets up as she has her eyes closed and is feeling her way. (Wanted—A watchman to keep her in bed at night.)

Mrs. Ghigo, our matron, took a trip to Charlotte and had a very nice time.

We are much excited over the basketball games and the way our girls have been playing. We hope they will keep it up. We like the boxing and wrestling also, but we feel kinda shaky when we see the boys hit each other so hard.

As Miss Green has started the glee club the girls come over here to practice at nights and we enjoy listening to the msing.

As we are short of news we will say good-bye and good luck to everybody.

——P.O.H.——

BARIUM HI STARTS WINNING STREAK WITH TROUTMAN

Barium Won Hard Fought Game 22-17

An old debt was settled at Troutman January 7th when the Barium Glorious Girls won a hard contested victory over the Troutman girls. Barium's oldest passing attack was not working so well that night, but the shooting attack of the team showed a marked improvement over the Raleigh game.

The first half of the contest ended 9-8 in favor of Barium. In the second half Barium played a much better game and the final score was 22-17.

This was one of the toughest games that has been played for some time. But our girls conducted themselves wonderfully on the floor.

A promising player was discovered in this game—McPherson, who led the field with 10 points second.

The whole team played an excellent game,but it lacks a lot of being a real Basket ball team yet.

Brown and Smith were the leading players for Troutman. Although the whole team played a hard, fast game.

The following is the line-up and summary:

Barium	Troutman
Hall (6)	Brown (7)
McPherson (10)	Smith (8)
Roderick (6)	Winecoff (2)
Gufford	Hartline
Coates	Hollyfield
Caudill	Hart

Substitutions for Troutman were: Cash for Hart. Timer: Hutchins. Scorers: Lowrance and Long.

Referee—McMillan.

Barium Upsets The Dope By Defeat Of Lincolnton 33-7.

Returning to their own floor for the third game of the season and flashing a shooting and passing attack that was unbeatable, the Barium team won a great victory over Lincolnton. The team played as one player, showing a brand of team work that was irresistable. The girls entered the game determined to win the game from the start and by close guarding allowed the visitors only two points during the first half. In the second half the team continued their passing and shooting attack as in the first and allowed the invaders only five points. The invaders played hard and fair but were completely outclassed from the start. Harrell, who was ably assisted by her teammates, was the best player for Lincolnton.

The first half of the game ended 16-2 in favor of Barium. The second half was a repetition of the first, the final score being 33-7 for Barium.

All of the players on the varsity squad were allowed to play in this game, especially the girls of the Eighth Grade, who are on the squad, showed prospects of developing into great players.

It was a wonderful game, but at times the Barium team displayed amazing weaknesses in their knowledge of basketball as a game. The following is the line-up and summary:

Barium 33	Lincolnton 7
McPherson 18	Gabriel 2
Hall 9	Lineberger 1
Roderick 4	Farrell 4
Gufford	Long
Coates	Hauss
Caudill	Self

Substitutes for Barium: McPhail (2) for McPherson, McMillan for Coates, Torrence for Caudill, Johnson for Hall, Freeman for Roderick, Estridge for Gufford. For Lincolnton: Shufford for Self, Self for Hauss, Mooney for Harrell. Referee: La Mar.

BABY COTTAGE

Well, I guess it is too late to talk about Christmas, but old Santa visited every one of the babies. Many of our good friends sent us gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Greene of Statesville sent us some candy.

We got a victrola and six records. Later Mrs. Martin sent us two more.

Mrs. R. P. Robinson of Lenior sent us a bushel of potatoes and one half bushel of turnips. Mrs. Laura McGrimmon of Lenoir, two chickens. A wagon also was sent to the babies. Elizabeth Boswell sent dolls and harps for the babies.

One day some visitors came to see the babies, and asked one of our four-year-old boys what was his name and he replied: "They call me Roy, but my book name is Mr. Townsend."

One morning Rebecca Petrie woke up with a sty on her eye. Sallie Boyd Farmer said, "Rebecca are you winking at me?"

One night we were playing the victrola and the last piece we played was "Thanks for the Buggy Ride," and the last of it is 'wait for the wagon and we will all take a ride." Then we had prayers and the babies were told to go to bed and Ernestine was sitting on the bench when one of the girls said, "Ernestine why don't you go to bed?" and she said, "I am waiting for the wagon to take me to ride."

One day Dr. Adams was giving the babies their health examination and Henry Pittman said, "Eloise Motte cried when she had her tonsils tooked out and Dr. Adams took mine out and I didn't cry."

One day the large girls were talking about adnoids and Richard Moore went to Eloise and said, "Eloise is your adnoids in your toes?"

We will soon have a dance hall over here because our best dancer, Louise Huder, is teaching the boys the charleston."

One day while the snow was on the ground Katherine Trollenger said, Ess do out in the ard and eat ice-eam."

One day after breakfast one of the boys asked Lorena where milk came from and she said cows.

Nelson Farmer looked at her and said, "Do cows give coffee?"

We have a new set of twins now—Vilma Ree and Dalmar Lee Jessup.

We had a nice visit from Miss Helen Herman of Spartanburg S. C., and hope she will soon come bock.

Our twins, Jack and Tom, and Billie Sheir brother, had their tonsils removed, but they are better now.

A number of the babies have had bumps: Henry Pittman, Hugh Norman, Paul Horne, Walter Motte, Polly Garret, and John Ervin Price. The morning that John had the bumps he was crying. When asked what was the matter he replied, "R. C. Miller hit me in the Jaw and it is swollen up."

R. C.: "I didn't either he is just crying because he wants to."

We have sent Charlie Mizzelle to Synods Cottage because we didn't have room for him.

Mrs. J. T. Mabe of Danbury, N. C. sent two dollars and we are going to buy it for curtain holders.

The Auxiliary form High Point sent us new shades and curtains and hope they will come and see them.

—Baby Cottage Girls

——P.O.H.——

The Glorious Girls Shine Brightly as They Defeat China Grove

The new gymn on January 21st was the scene of the third straight victory for Barium team.

Slowly, but surely, the team has played the brand of ball that they are capable of. This was easily demonstrated on the night of January 21st., when Barium uncorked a great passing and goal ringing game to defeat China Grove. The team travelled a fast pace during the whole game except occasionally they thought they knew so much basketball that the China Grove girls would take a rest also. These various "sleeping" periods were the times in which China Grove accumulated their 25 points.

The first few minutes of play looked like a victory for the visitors, but the whirlwind attack of Barium began to function and the first half ended 28-12 in favor of Barium. The end of the game found the home team leading by a score of 44-25.

The whole team played good, but it played bad also, due to over-confidence. Hall and Roderick were the "high point" players for the night, each with a total of 13 points. The guards were not playing up to their regular form in the game, thus accounting for the China Grove score.

Stirewalt and Pine were the leading players for China Grove. The visiting team played a nice, clean game all the way through.

Line-up and summary:

Barium	China Grove
McPherson (12)	Stirewalt (9)
Hall (13)	Pine (10)
Roderick (13)	Miller (6)
Gufford	Peterson
Caudill	Atwell
McMillan	Atkins

Substitutions for Barium: McPhail McPherson, Freeman (6) for Roderick, Estridge for Gufford, Johnson for McPherson.

Subs for China Grove: Correll for Atkins. Timer: Presson. Referee La Mar.

INFIRMARY

Well, here we are again always on the spot, but we are sometimes slow.

We haven't had many patients, but they are starting to come in now. We have three girls and two boys.

Everybody was glad to see the snow. It is so pretty now if it wouldn't only rain or get cold.

We are very proud of our girls, starting out as good a record for basketball, hope they will keep it up.

Miss Critz who was once our matron were all glad to see her and hope she will come back again.

It is too bad for Mrs. O'Kelly and Mr. Johnston to be in the hospital. Hope they will soon be well.

We were glad to have one of our old home girls with us Christmas—Bleeka Lee. Also Miss Donaldson's cousin, who spent the night and next day with us.

Edward McCall came in from school today and found out his mother was here. He is the happiest bird on the place You never can tell when he is in the house, he is so quiet, and is always willing to do anything for you.

We have had three new boys to come to stay with us. Hope they will like it.

Well we will close for this time.

THE INFIRMARY GIRLS.

——P.O.H.——

CAMPUS GROUP

(By Charlie Sears and Bill MacKay)

When snow came a few weeks ago, we did not have to work because there was nothing to work at. So we went rabbit hunting with the farm group, we had a fine time, killing eight birds, three rabbits and two squirles.

But the snow is gone now and we have started back to work.

We have been fixing the yards up, ready to plant grass, while we are keeping the trees looking good at the same time.

Now we have an eletrical saw in our basement and it is not so hard on Mr. Nesbit to get along.

Sand is being unloaded on the road going down to the Infirmary so it will no be so muddy.

We have about finished the new garage, it has enough places for seven cars.

Mr. Nesbit built aplat-form in the Jennie Gilmer basement for boxing and wrestlers.

We have been fixing the swimming pool up for next summer, by putting rich dirt around the edges so we can plant grass and make it look better. We hope to have everything looking well soon..

The evening boys have been pruning trees. All of them cut out the limbs except Willard Ayers because he is so fat they think he might fall.

Every time we go in the shop we hear Joe's and Perry's big mouths running.

We hope to have more news next time.

HOWARDCOTTAGE

Since we have not written any news recently Mr. Edwards asks that we do so. So here we come.

We enjoyed the Christmas holidays and want to thank old Santa for being good to us.

We have been very busy making doll clothes sice he left so many dolls.

Phyllis Morgan has come back to us from Rumple Hall and we are glad to have her back again.

Miss Woods is spending the week with her parents in Mooresville, but we are very fortunate to have Miss McGoogan and Miss Turner for our matron while she is away. They are real goodto us.

We were all glad to see the snow and had a good time playing in it.

Margaret Pittman and Lillian Wicker enjoyed a visit from their mothers during the holidays.

We are proud of the banner that we have hanging out so that everyone may be aware of the fact that we are the best housekeepers and hope to keep it. So that means work.

—By the Howard Girls

——P.O.H.——

ALEXANDER *and* DAIRY

We had a very nice Christmas down here at Alexander. Lester King, the largest boy, is going to Jennie Gilmer pretty soon.

Jack McKay filled Parker Lyon's face full of polish. If you all have any extra soap and wash rag, please send it to Parker.

Buck Jackins is the champion checker player down here at Alexander.

Winfred Wicker said that the old cow kicked, but she kicked at nothing.

Parker Lyons and Jasper Oliver.

SUPPORT FUND

Aux. Plaza	2.00
Aux. Broadway	3.00
Morganton 1st Church	10.85
Antioch Aux. Circles, (1)	.60
(2)	1.00
(3)	1.65
(4)	.80
(5)	.10
Aux. Salisbury 2nd.	5.00
S. S. Concord	79.39
Aux. Reidsville	24.00
St. Andrews Ch. Wilmington	60.00
Forrest City S. S.	2.37
Aux., Thyatira	1.37
Aux. Gastonia 1st.	10.00
Aux. Pinetops	18.90
Aux. Mt. Pisgah	2.00
Aux. Cladwell Mem., Cir. 1	10.00
Westminster Church	16.00
Aux. Westminster	4.75
Westminster Jr. C. E.	.50
S. S. Durham 1st.	30.00
Lumberton Church	101.00
Bensalem Church	21.60
S. S. Philadelphus	5.00
Rocky Mt. First Church	100.00
Cramerton S. S.	3.20
Front St. S. S.	4.97
Elmwood S. S.	1.60
W's. Bible Class, Salisbury 1st	10.00
Albermarle S. S.	34.19
Highland Church	27.98
Ashpole S. S.	3.00
Midway Church	24.75
Pineville S. S.	9.72
Cleveland S. S.	15.00
Hopewell S. S.	6.50
Wallace S. S.	21.69
Aux. Bethel	9.25
Gulf S. S.	7.26
Gulf Church	18.00
Aux. Circle 5 Raliegh 1st.	12.00
Mathews S. S.	13.15
St. Pauls Church	11.00
St. Pauls S. S.	39.88
Reidsville Church	9.02
Aux. Charlotte 2nd.	90.00
Morven S. S.	5.27
New Hope S. S.	6.60
Wadesboro S. S.	5.00
Bayless Mem. Church	1.27
Center Church	2.10
Cleveland Church	11.25
Concord 1st. Church	53.50
Concord 2nd. Church	4.50
Davidson Church	32.50
Elmwood Church	2.63
Fifth Creek Church	13.10
Gilwood Church	4.50
Holy Church	28.25
Hickory S. S.	102.81
Lenoir Church	144.35
Mooresville 1st Church	35.25
Mooresville 2nd Church	7.79
Mooresville 2nd Church	19.71
Old Fort Church	11.11
Old Fort Church	1.80
Poplar Tent Church	.62
Prospect Church	5.32
Salisbury 1st. Church	14.80
Salisbury 1st. Church	41.37
Stony Point Church	.37
Third Creek Church	6.75
Thyatira Church	3.91
Unity Church	1.81
Aux. Graham	12.00
Jackson Springs S. S.	15.38
Aux. Faison	7.00
Charlotte 2nd Church	187.50
Sanford S. S.	20.00
Kings Mt. 1st Church	14.40
Tronton S. S.	4.85
Aux. Bethpage	1.00
TOTAL	**5482.40**

——P.O.H.——

THANKSGIVING RETURNS

Charlotte 2nd Church	75.00
Oak Hill Church	15.00
Elizabethtown Church	10.00
Aux. Raliegh 1st.	44.00
Aux. Charlotte Second	25.00
Men's Bible Class, Greensboro First	15.00
Church of Covenant	14.10
Brookton S. S. Intermediates	11.82
Brookton S. S. Adults	8.50
Brookton S. S. 2 Primary Classes	14.68
Oxford S. S.	15.00
Gulf Church	18.00
Hickory Church	10.00
Pinetops Church	14.69
TOTAL	**2827.72**

——B.M.——

MISCELLANEOUS CONTIBUTIONS

C. C. Murphy, Greensboro	5.00
Mrs. Sudie Sloan Watt, Riedsville	50.00
Jas. D. Williams, Dunn	5.00
Mrs. Harry Bess, Dunn	1.00
Thos. R. Pasl, Wilmington, In memory of his wife	10.00
Miss Ruby Ward, Rowland	10.00
Mrs. Cameron Morrison, Charlotte	100.00
TOTAL	**853.13**
Miscellaneous Cont. (Thanks.)	20.00

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CLOTHING MONEY

Pri. Dept. Washington 1st. S.S.	4.20
Aux. Fountain	30.00
Mrs. W.A. Sharpe, Greensboro	5.00
Sugar Creek Aux.	35.00
Aux. church By-Side-Road	5.00
Busy Girl's Club, church By-Side Road	2.25
Aux. Caldwell Mem.	10.00
Aux. N. Wilkesboro	36.00
S. S. Class, Lincolnton 1st.	5.00
Aux. Philadelphus	15.00
Ch. of Covenant, Wilmington, Mrs. Jessie Kenan Wise	200.00
Mrs. Esther Bundy, Fayetteville	10.00
Aux. Lillington	15.00
Aux. Lincolnton	40.00
TOTAL	**412.45**

MISCELLANEOUS GIFTS

Barium Springs, Mr. A. P. Edwards, set of six books.
Barium Springs, Miss Moseley, one book.
Barium Springs, Grover Miles, one book.
Barium Springs, Bill Bobbitt, one book.
High Point, Woman's Auxiliary 1st. Church, shades and curtains for the Baby Cottage.
Mebane, Miss Tessa Maynard, outfit for little girl.
Jefferson, through Rev. R. H. Stone, from his churches, potatoes, apples, dried fruit, cabbage and pumpkins.
Washington, Mrs. Frank A. Moss, donation of clothing.
Concord, Second Pres. Church, Mrs. Jane Parish, one quilt.
Seven Springs, N. C. Pleasant View W's. Aux. one quilt.
Lexington, Va. Rev. L. B. Turnbull, two scrap books.
Reidsville, quilt sent by Rev.. C. G Brown, from Speedwell Aux.
Burlington First Church, Circle 2. 62 bibs. Circle 4, 31 bibs.

LEES' COTTAGE

We have all enjoyed the snow, and that it has melted away. We still have our roller skates and skooters so we are still having a happy time.

Some of the boys at Lees are building bird houses and are putting them in the trees hoping the birds will find a cozy home this Spring for the wee birds will linger with us then in the season. We put some crumbs on a window-sill to try to coax them nearer but the only bird who was bold enough to come was Mr. Woodpecker. So far we have seen Sapsuckers, Woodpeckers, Tree Sparrows, Blue birds, Field Larks around the campous. We want to know all the birds of our own State especially.

Along the margin of our sunny Lake,
One summer's day there roamed an adder-snake,
Searching for one square meal;
And as he slowly, through the grasses stole
His evil eye fell on a mouse's hole;
Within he hears the young mice squeal.

"Here will I rest me,," saith the sly old snake,
"Until the little mice came out to make
" Their toilets in the sun;
Then will I shelter them from further harm,
Inviting them to my stomach warm
There to enjoy their fun."

"Just then, returning to her little house,
Came, softly creeping, the old mother mouse,
And soon the snake she saw;
With lighting speed from off the ground
She rises with one mighty bound
And pounces on the foe.

And swiftly up and down his scaly back
With claws and teeth she marks a bleeding track,
Scratching with all her might;
While, wild with fright, the coward adder-snake,
With terror stricken speed doth make
An ignominious flight.

And never halts the vanquished adder-snake
Until his own dark den he takes,
Groaning with wrath and pain;
And there a solemn vow he makes
That he will never undertake
To dine on mice again.

Lees Cottage boys lead the Devotional period in the Dining room Sunday morning, Jan. 23rd. The program was as follows:

Theme—"Rejoice And Be Glad."
Song—"Revive Us Again."
We praise thee O God
For the son of thy love,
For Jesus who died
And is now gone above.
Chorus—Halleujah! Thine the glory, (etc.

We praise thee O God,
For the spirit of life,
Who has shown us our Saviour
And scattered our night.
Chorus—
All glory and praise
To the God of all grace,
Who has bought us and sought us
And guided our ways.
Quotations From The Scriptures.
Song—"More Love For Thee."
More love to thee, O Christ,
More love to thee.
Hear thou the prayer I make
On bended knee.
This is my earnest plea,
More love, O Christ to thee
More love to thee,
More love to thee,

Once earthly joy I craved,
Sought peace and rest
Now Thee alone, I seek,
Give what is best.
This all my prayer shall be,
More love O Christ to Thee
More love to Thee,
More love to Thee.

Closing— "The Lord's Prayer."